



## DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management supports the national emergency management system, assists local governments during times of disasters, and coordinates the state's response to emergencies and disasters ranging from blizzards to floods. The Office, which manages more than \$225 million in disaster grants to local governments, helps citizens and communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. It also offers guidance in minimizing or eliminating potential losses from future disasters.

### Emergency Medical Services

The Office of Emergency Medical Services is responsible for licensing ambulance services and certifying emergency medical response personnel to ensure rapid, professional care is available to citizens in need, whether that need is in the largest city or in the most isolated rural areas of South Dakota.



### Fire Marshal

The State Fire Marshal's Office assists fire departments throughout South Dakota with the training needed to assure a quick and effective response to a fire emergency. The office investigates fires and makes fire prevention and public education about fire safety its top priority.



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SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

prevention — protection — enforcement



## KEEPING SOUTH DAKOTA A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, VISIT, AND RAISE A FAMILY

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety provides citizen with services ranging from law enforcement and highway safety to driver licensing and emergency management. In 2003, an Executive Order of the Governor reorganized the personnel, equipment, and resources of a dozen agencies into a single department, whose mission is to protect the people and property of South Dakota. The men and women of the Department of Public Safety work each day to fulfill that mission.

# DPS DIVISIONS AND AGENCIES

## DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND GRANTS OVERSIGHT

### Accident Records

The Office of Accident Records collects data on all state-reportable motor vehicle crashes. Local, state, and federal agencies use the data to identify highway and

traffic safety problem areas and to evaluate the effectiveness of laws and policies intended to reduce deaths, injuries, severity of injuries, and costs associated with highway crashes.



### Highway Safety

The Office of Highway Safety works through public education and awareness to reduce fatalities, injuries, and property damage from motor vehicle crashes. The Office administers the federal Highway Safety Grant Program, which funds a variety of traffic safety programs for state and local agencies and non-profit organizations in South Dakota.



### Homeland Security

The Office of Homeland Security leads the effort to keep South Dakota free from acts of terrorism and coordinates an extensive information-sharing network among levels of government. The Office manages federal Homeland Security grants, with 80 percent of that funding going to city, county, and tribal governments for security needs.



## DIVISION OF LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES

### Driver Licensing

The Driver Licensing Program helps keep South Dakota roadways safe by assuring drivers are legally qualified to operate a motor vehicle. The Program received word in December of 2012 that the security features of its driver licensing process meet the standards of the federal Real ID Act. The program issues approximately 120,000 licenses each year.



### Inspection Program

The Inspection Program provides a pool of trained personnel located strategically across the state to provide inspection services for such state agencies as Agriculture, Education, Fire Marshal, Health, Social Services, Video Lottery, and Weights and Measures.



### Weights and Measures

The Weights and Measures Program assures the accuracy of scales and meters that measure products as varied as motor fuel, grain, and grocery items. Some estimates suggest half of the sales of products and services contributing to South Dakota's \$23 billion gross domestic product are impacted by weights and measures laws.

## DIVISION OF HIGHWAY PATROL

### South Dakota Highway Patrol

The Highway Patrol enforces laws, investigates crimes, and identifies and eliminates traffic hazards. The Patrol works closely with the Office of Highway Safety on traffic safety programs. The Motor Carrier Services section helps preserve South Dakota's highways by inspecting trucks and enforcing weight and length limits of large commercial and non-commercial vehicles on our roadways.



### State Radio Dispatch

State Radio Dispatch offers communication services to federal, state, and local government agencies and provides a link between those agencies and the public, helping to save lives and protect property with timely, professional communications.



## STATE 9-1-1 COORDINATOR

The South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordinator assists local governments with implementing 9-1-1 emergency telecommunications services, providing the information and guidance local jurisdictions need to implement and operate the emergency system successfully. The 9-1-1 coordinator works directly with the State 9-1-1 Coordination Board and acts as a conduit from the board to those operating a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

